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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Genryou UMITSUKEI et al.

Application No.: 09/801,734

Filed: March 9, 2001

For: A MULTIPLY TRANSFORMED
KOJI MOLD AND A METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING A FLAVOR
ENHANCER USING THE SAME

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action of September 11, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 8 and 9 as follows:

8. The isolated koji mold of claim 1, wherein the protease nucleic acid sequence encodes the same amino acid sequence as that encoded by the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, and the peptidase nucleic acid sequence encodes the same amino acid sequence as that encoded by the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.